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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 DARIUS CLARK, ET AL., individually
10 and on behalf
11 of all others similarly situated,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 YODLEE, INC., a Delaware corporation,

15 Defendant

Civil Case No. 3:20-cv-05991-SK

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF MOTION AND
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE FOURTH
AMENDED CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT**

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1 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** on December 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as
 2 the matter may be heard, in the courtroom of the Honorable Sallie Kim, located in Courtroom C, 15th floor,
 3 at 450 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, California, Plaintiffs Darius Clark, John H. Cottrell, David Lumb,
 4 Kyla Rollier, and Jenny Szeto (“Plaintiffs”) will and hereby do move the Court, pursuant to Rule 15(a)(2)
 5 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order granting leave to file a Fourth Amended Class Action
 6 Complaint, attached as Exhibit 1 (“Amended Complaint” or “Amendment”) to the Declaration of Christian
 7 Levis (“Levis Decl.” or “Declaration”).¹ This motion is based upon this notice of motion and motion, all
 8 papers and pleadings on file with the Court, and such other written or oral argument and materials as may
 9 be presented. Defendant Yodlee, Inc. (“Yodlee”) opposes this motion.

10 **I. INTRODUCTION**

11 Plaintiffs seek to file an Amended Complaint that will add as plaintiffs eight Class Members² (the
 12 “Proposed Plaintiffs”) who allege that Yodlee collected their Transaction Data when they linked accounts
 13 to PayPal. The need to add these Proposed Plaintiffs did not arise until two months ago, on September 25,
 14 2024, when the Court denied class certification on the grounds that Yodlee did not collect Transaction Data
 15 from any of the current Class Representatives, which the Court found made them atypical and inadequate
 16 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a). *See* ECF No. 600 at 7-9. The Court’s finding that Yodlee did not collect
 17 Transaction Data from certain Class Representatives was based on a new data field, specific to the Class
 18 Representatives, that Yodlee first disclosed on May 9, 2024, thirteen days before Plaintiffs moved for class
 19 certification. *See infra* Section II.C. Yodlee previously withheld information about this data field in
 20 violation of the Court’s October 26, 2023 discovery order (“October 2023 Order”). ECF No. 375 at 2.

21 Amending the Complaint to add the Proposed Plaintiffs is warranted because the Court’s typicality
 22 and adequacy concerns are specific to three Class Representatives and could easily be cured by millions of
 23 other Class Members. It is undisputed that Yodlee collected Transaction Data from approximately [REDACTED]
 24 [REDACTED] Class Members, any of whom would allow this class case to proceed on the merits. *See* Section
 25 II.A. In these circumstances, where class certification fails due to plaintiff-specific issues that other

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¹ Attached as Exhibit 2 to the Declaration is a redline comparing the Amended Complaint to the Third
 27 Amended Class Action Complaint. ECF No. 359.

28 ² Where not defined, the capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meaning as those in Plaintiffs’
 Motion to Certify Classes. *See* ECF No. 493.

1 putative class members can cure, the Ninth Circuit instructs that “leave to amend should be granted to add
 2 named plaintiffs” that meet the factual requirements for typicality and adequacy. *Sueoka v. United States*,
 3 101 F. App’x. 649, 654 (9th Cir. 2004).

4 Leave to amend should also be granted for the additional reason that it was necessitated by Yodlee’s
 5 untimely disclosures about the Class Representatives. Yodlee cannot fairly withhold information about the
 6 Class Representatives throughout the case and then deploy it at the eleventh hour to defeat class
 7 certification on narrow, plaintiff-specific grounds. Both fairness and Ninth Circuit precedent require that
 8 Plaintiffs be allowed to address Yodlee’s “gotcha” tactics by adding typical and adequate class
 9 representatives from among the [REDACTED] Class Members whose Transaction Data was collected.

10 Plaintiffs satisfy Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)’s four liberal criteria for amending the complaint and Fed.
 11 R. Civ. P. 16(b)’s good cause standard. Plaintiffs seek to add Proposed Plaintiffs in good faith, without
 12 undue delay, and without asserting any new legal claims or theories. Yodlee will not be prejudiced by their
 13 addition. The Proposed Plaintiffs will promptly sit for depositions and produce the limited plaintiff-specific
 14 discovery that has been exchanged thus far. This can be completed in two months, if not a few weeks. This
 15 minor expansion of the case schedule does not constitute substantial prejudice to Yodlee and is not a ground
 16 to deny relief to the millions of putative Class Members with valid claims. Plaintiffs’ Amendment should
 17 be permitted.

18 II. BACKGROUND

19 A. Yodlee Collected Transaction Data from Millions of Class Members

20 Plaintiffs have prosecuted this case for the last five years on behalf of millions of people whose
 21 personal data was taken by Yodlee when they linked bank accounts to PayPal. Plaintiffs filed their First
 22 Amended Complaint on October 21, 2020 (ECF No. 30), a Second Amended Complaint after jurisdictional
 23 discovery on March 15, 2021 (ECF No. 58), and a Third Amended Complaint to bolster their disgorgement
 24 claims on September 19, 2023 (ECF No. 359) (“Complaint”). Each complaint alleged that Yodlee
 25 unlawfully collected personal financial data from Plaintiffs and other PayPal users, including their: (1)
 26 bank username and password (“Login Credentials”); (2) bank-account information like account number,
 27 routing number, and account balance (“Banking Data”); and (3) a copy of their recent banking transactions
 28 (“Transaction Data”).

1 It is undisputed that Yodlee collected this data from millions of putative Class Members. *See* ECF
 2 No. 492-42 at 2-3 (acknowledging Yodlee collected Login Credentials and Banking Data from all PayPal
 3 users who linked accounts via IAV before January 2023 and Transaction Data from many such users). The
 4 record shows that Yodlee collected Login Credentials and Banking Data from each Plaintiff (ECF Nos.
 5 492-35, 512-5, 512-6, 514-2, 581-4) and putative Class Member, or roughly [REDACTED] (ECF No.
 6 492-71 ¶ 7 (Supplemental Declaration of Gary Olsen)), as well as Transaction Data from [REDACTED] of
 7 those same Class Members. *Id.* [REDACTED]
 8 [REDACTED]
 9 [REDACTED] *Id.* at Schedule 17-Revised.³

10 On June 16, 2023, Plaintiffs requested that Yodlee produce data confirming, among other things,
 11 the amount of Transaction Data that it collected from each Plaintiff and Class Member. *See* Plaintiffs'
 12 Requests for Production of Documents, Set Three, ECF No. 360-1 at 8-9. The Court ordered Yodlee to
 13 produce this data on October 26, 2023. ECF No. 375 at 2. Specifically, the Court ordered Yodlee to
 14 produce, for each account linkage during the Class Period, data fields showing, *inter alia*, whether “[b]ank
 15 account transaction data [was] collected by Yodlee (Y/N)” and the “[a]mount of bank transaction data
 16 collected by Yodlee (e.g., # of days).” *See* ECF Nos. 381, 380-3 (data fields (nn) and (nn.a)). Yodlee
 17 pledged it would produce all responsive data relating to PayPal by January 2024 (ECF No. 392 at 8-9) and
 18 would ensure its production was complete by running a “separate query” for each of the “fields and
 19 subfields of data requested by Plaintiffs.” ECF No. 360 at 5; *see also* ECF No. 392 at 8.

20 **B. Yodlee Claimed It Lacked Complete Records about Its Collection of Transaction Data**

21 At the conclusion of Yodlee’s data-collection process, Yodlee claimed it did not possess complete
 22 data showing the amount of Transaction Data it collected from Plaintiffs and Class Members because the
 23 “[REDACTED]” data field, which reflected the “[a]mount of bank transaction data collected by Yodlee,” was
 24 not available for certain portions of the Class Period. ECF No. 520-13 at ‘437 (Yodlee’s data dictionary);
 25 ECF No. 520-5 ¶¶ 8-9 (detailing Yodlee’s failure to produce [REDACTED] data for the entire Class Period).
 26 Specifically, Yodlee claimed that the [REDACTED] field was not available for individual account-linkages
 27 between August 8, 2019 and December 18, 2020, which encompassed certain Plaintiff’s account-linkage.

28 ³ *See also* YODLEE_WESCH_0825522-0825803.

1 *See* ECF No. 520-5 ¶¶ 8-9; ECF No. 492-35. Plaintiffs met and conferred extensively with Yodlee between
 2 January and March 2024 to discuss the gaps in its data production and whether it could produce other data,
 3 apart from [REDACTED], showing the amount of Transaction Data it collected from Plaintiffs and Class
 4 Members. *See* ECF No. 520-5 ¶¶ 7-9. In response, Yodlee claimed that no other responsive data existed
 5 beyond [REDACTED], and that there was no alternative data field that would show the amount of Transaction
 6 Data it collected from Plaintiffs and Class Members. *See id.* ¶ 9.

7 Yodlee never disclosed during these meet-and-confers, nor during the preceding four years of
 8 litigation, that there *was*, in fact, an alternative data field called “NUM_TRANS_RESP” that purportedly
 9 showed the amount Transaction Data it collected from Plaintiffs and Class Members. Yodlee withheld
 10 information about the NUM_TRANS_RESP field from its data dictionaries, discovery responses,
 11 discovery correspondence, and productions following the Court’s October 2023 Order, all despite
 12 Plaintiffs’ requests that it cure the gaps in the [REDACTED] field with an alternative data field like
 13 NUM_TRANS_RESP. By failing to timely disclose the NUM_TRANS_RESP field in violation of the
 14 Court’s October 2023 Order, Yodlee prevented Plaintiffs from discovering, and taking earlier action to
 15 address, Yodlee’s subsequent claim that no Plaintiffs’ Transaction Data was collected.

16 **C. Yodlee Withheld Information about Plaintiffs until the Eve of Class Certification**

17 Yodlee first identified the NUM_TRANS_RESP data field on May 9, 2024, four months after the
 18 close of fact discovery and just 13 days before Plaintiffs moved for class certification. *See* ECF No. 520-4
 19 at 6-7 (explaining Yodlee first revealed the NUM_TRANS_RESP field in the First Ghode Declaration);
 20 *see also* ECF No. 520-5 ¶ 18 (explaining Yodlee served the First Ghode Declaration on May 9, 2024).
 21 Yodlee disclosed this new data field via a declaration from Yodlee employee Manoj Ghode, who claimed
 22 that the “NUM_TRANS_RESP” field reflects “the number of transactions Yodlee collected from a given
 23 PayPal IAV user,” something Yodlee previously claimed that only [REDACTED] showed. *See* First Ghode
 24 Declaration, ECF No. 514-3 ¶ 2. Applying this new information to a document that Yodlee produced a few
 25 months earlier in November 2023, Yodlee now claimed, for the first time, that the “0” in the
 26 “NUM_TRANS_RESP” column in that document showed that Yodlee did not collect Transaction Data
 27 from Plaintiff Cottrell. *Id.* Yodlee also claimed, for the first time, that it did not collect Transaction Data
 28 from Plaintiff Rollier because there was no value in the “NUM_TRANS_RESP” column in her records.

1 *See* ECF No. 581-3 at 3.

2 Plaintiffs moved to strike the First Ghode Declaration on June 26, 2024, arguing that Yodlee did
 3 not timely disclose the “NUM_TRANS_RESP” in response to the Court’s October 2023 Order and should
 4 not be allowed to “mount one-sided challenges to Plaintiffs’ Class Certification Motion” based on
 5 information it selectively withheld. ECF No. 520-4 at 10-11. While the Court declined to strike the First
 6 Ghode Declaration from the record, it did so without addressing Plaintiffs’ arguments that Yodlee
 7 improperly withheld information about its collection of Transaction Data from Plaintiffs until two weeks
 8 before their class certification motion was due, thereby preventing Plaintiffs from investigating or
 9 addressing this information in due course. *See* ECF No. 600 at 3 n.3 (denying motion to strike the First
 10 Ghode Declaration in footnote without elaboration).

11 **D. The Court Denied Class Certification Based on Yodlee’s Untimely Disclosures**

12 On May 22, 2024, Plaintiffs moved to certify a nationwide class of individuals who linked bank
 13 accounts to PayPal via IAV between January 1, 2014 and August 24, 2020, with Plaintiffs Cottrell, Szeto,
 14 and Rollier as Class Representatives. *See* ECF No. 492-5 at vi. Using Yodlee’s own account-linking
 15 records, Plaintiffs calculated that there were roughly [REDACTED] Class Members, all of whom had their
 16 Login Credentials and Banking Data collected, and [REDACTED] of whom also had Transaction Data
 17 collected. *See* ECF No. 492-71 ¶ 7 (Supplemental Declaration of Gary Olsen).

18 Yodlee opposed class certification based, in part, on its new claims about the NUM_TRANS_RESP
 19 data field. *See* ECF No. 553-2 at 6 n.8. Citing this previously undisclosed field, Yodlee argued it did not
 20 collect Transaction Data from the Class Representatives, which, in turn, made them atypical and inadequate
 21 class representatives under Rule 23(a). *See id.* at 13. The Court denied class certification on this basis on
 22 September 25, 2024. ECF No. 600 at 7-8. The Court held that because the Class Representatives did not
 23 prove that their Transaction Data was collected, they were not typical or adequate class representatives
 24 under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23(a) and may lack standing for certain claims related to Transaction Data. ECF No.
 25 600 at 5-9. The Court did not identify any other basis to deny class certification other than the Class
 26 Representatives’ failure to show that Yodlee collected their Transaction Data. *Id.* As such, any of the other
 27 [REDACTED] Class Members from whom Yodlee collected Transaction Data, if added as class
 28 representatives, would resolve the Court’s concerns about typicality and adequacy and allow this class case

1 to proceed on the merits.

2 Two weeks after the Court denied class certification, Plaintiffs informed the Court that they planned
 3 to move to amend the Complaint to add, as plaintiffs and putative class representatives, “one or more of
 4 the [REDACTED] putative class members whose transaction data was collected by Yodlee.” ECF No. 605
 5 at 2-6.⁴ After the Court asked Plaintiffs to confirm their intentions (ECF No. 608), Plaintiffs confirmed
 6 they would move to amend the Complaint to add proposed class representatives by November 21, 2024
 7 and would not amend any substantive allegations or claims. ECF No. 622.

8 **E. Plaintiffs Seek to Add Eight New Plaintiffs to Address the Court’s Typicality and Adequacy
 9 Concerns**

10 Plaintiffs seek to amend the Complaint for the narrow purpose of adding plaintiffs whose
 11 Transaction Data was collected by Yodlee to address the Court’s concerns that Transaction Data was not
 12 collected from the existing Class Representatives. Plaintiffs do not propose any other substantive changes
 13 to their claims or allegations. A copy of the proposed Fourth Amended Complaint is attached as Exhibit 1,
 14 along with a redline, Exhibit 2, showing the limited scope of Plaintiffs’ proposed Amendment.

15 Specifically, Plaintiffs seek to add, as plaintiffs and proposed class representatives, eight putative
 16 Class Members who allege their Transaction Data was collected by Yodlee when they linked bank accounts
 17 to PayPal. The details of the Proposed Plaintiffs’ alleged account-linkages are set forth below and in
 18 paragraphs 33-48 of the Amended Complaint.

Name	Accounts Linked	Approx. Linkage Year	State
Tyler Baker	New England Federal Credit Union	2020	VT
Mary Ventil	PNC Bank, Truist Bank	2016	FL
Jessica Gann	Huntington Bank	2022	IN
John Waudby	America First Credit Union, Navy Federal Credit Union	2019-2020	NV
Craig Brewster	Frankenmuth Credit Union, Independent Bank, Sutton Bank	2019-2020	TX
Chad Hohenbery	First Mid Bank and Trust	2018	IL
Jennifer Turner	Capital One, Wells Fargo	2015-2016	CA
Marcus Turner	Wells Fargo	2017-2018	CA

26 While the Proposed Plaintiffs do not have records proving that Yodlee collected their Transaction
 27 Data, it is highly likely that Yodlee did. Each Proposed Plaintiff alleges that they linked accounts after
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⁴ The 19.5 million number in the Joint Status Report is a typographical error.

Adding the Proposed Plaintiffs will not significantly delay this case or require a meaningful reopening of fact discovery. The Proposed Plaintiffs should not need to take affirmative fact discovery from Yodlee because they can use Yodlee’s existing data production to confirm whether their Transaction Data was collected.⁶ If requested, the Proposed Plaintiffs will promptly produce all materials responsive to Yodlee’s prior discovery requests (to the extent not subject to a pending objection) and provide deposition testimony. This streamlined process will ensure that adding the Proposed Plaintiffs will conclude no later than early 2025, constituting a relatively minor postponement in this long-running litigation.

III. LEGAL STANDARD

Courts must “freely give leave [to amend] when justice so requires.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2). Amendments should be allowed with “extreme liberality” to encourage the resolution of claims on the merits, regardless of the stage of the case. *Eminence Cap., LLC v. Aspeon, Inc.*, 316 F.3d 1048, 1051 (9th

⁵ The class-wide account-linking records Yodlee produced contain at least [REDACTED]. Compare ECF No. 492-35 with ECF No. 512-5 ([REDACTED]). PayPal produced these PayPal identifiers for the existing Plaintiffs. Once PayPal does so for the Proposed Plaintiffs, they can confirm whether Yodlee collected their Transaction Data by consulting the [REDACTED] field that corresponds with their PayPal identifiers. See ECF No. 520-13 at '437. The Proposed Plaintiffs will promptly drop their claims in the event their Transaction Data was not collected by Yodlee.

⁶ The only exceptions would be if (1) PayPal is unable to produce a Proposed Plaintiff's unique identifiers for some unforeseen reason, or (2) if Yodlee's class-wide account-linking data does not reflect the amount of Transaction Data it collected from a Proposed Plaintiff because, e.g., their account-linkage occurred during the August 8, 2019-December 18, 2020 period when the [REDACTED] field is unavailable. If either exception were to occur, Yodlee could easily produce the NUM_TRANS_RESP data field for the Proposed Plaintiffs to confirm whether their Transaction Data was collected. See Sections II.B-C.

1 Cir. 2003) (“Rule 15 advises the court that ‘leave shall be freely given when justice so requires.’ This
 2 policy is ‘to be applied with extreme liberality.’”); *Foman v. Davis*, 371 U.S. 178, 182 (1962) (“Rule 15(a)
 3 declares that leave to amend ‘shall be freely given when justice so requires; this mandate is to be heeded.’”).
 4 Amendments sought after the initial amendment deadline passed must also be supported by good cause
 5 under Fed R. Civ. P. 16(b). *AmerisourceBergen Corp. v. Dialysis West, Inc.*, 465 F.3d 946, 952 (9th Cir.
 6 2006).

7 Four factors govern requests for leave to amend: (1) bad faith; (2) undue delay; (3) prejudice to the
 8 opposing party; and (4) futility of amendment. *DCD Programs, Ltd. v. Leighton*, 833 F.2d 183, 186 (9th
 9 Cir. 1987). “Ordinarily, leave to amend should be freely given in the absence of prejudice to the opposing
 10 party.” *Kenlston v. Roberts*, 717 F.2d 1295, 1300 (9th Cir. 1983) (quoting *Waits v. Weller*, 653 F.2d 1288,
 11 1290 (9th Cir. 1982)). Amendments are presumptively allowed. *Eminence Capital*, 316 F.3d. at 1052
 12 (“Absent prejudice, or a strong showing of any of the remaining . . . factors, there exists a presumption
 13 under Rule 15(a) in favor of granting leave to amend.”). The Court weighs “all inferences in favor of
 14 granting [a] motion [to amend].” *Griggs v. Pace Am. Grp. Inc.*, 170 F.3d 877, 880 (9th Cir. 1999).

15 IV. ARGUMENT

16 Plaintiffs have good cause and satisfy the four liberal criteria for amending the Complaint. The
 17 Ninth Circuit directs that “*leave to amend should be granted to add named plaintiffs*” when class
 18 certification is denied based on a class representative’s lack of typicality or adequacy, particularly where,
 19 as here, “the record demonstrates the existence of numerous persons holding [typical and adequate]
 20 claims.” *Sueoka*, 101 F. App’x. at 654 (instructing district court to “grant leave to amend to identify [typical
 21 and adequate] named representatives”) (emphasis added); *see also Int’l Woodworkers of Am., AFL—CIO*
 22 *v. Chesapeake Bay Plywood Corp.*, 659 F.2d 1259, 1270 (4th Cir. 1981) (similar). Indeed, courts “regularly
 23 allow or order the plaintiffs’ counsel to substitute a new representative plaintiff” where “a named Plaintiff’s
 24 individual claims fail or become moot for a reason that does not affect the viability of the class claims[.]”
 25 *Robichaud v. Speedy PC Software*, No. 12-cv-04730-LB, 2013 WL 818503, at *8 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 5, 2013).

26 Here, whether Class Representatives lack typicality or adequacy does not affect the viability of the
 27 [REDACTED] Class Members from whom Yodlee collected Transaction Data and who could properly serve
 28 as class representatives. *See* Section II.A. The Court’s concerns with the existing Class Representatives

1 should therefore be cured “by giving [P]laintiff[s] leave to amend [their] complaint to substitute [] class
 2 representative[s]” as the Ninth Circuit directs. *Cholakyan v. Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC*, 281 F.R.D. 534,
 3 558 n.113 (C.D. Cal. 2012). Plaintiffs’ request to add Proposed Plaintiffs after “the briefing on class
 4 certification revealed that [the current Class Representatives may] not [be] representative” satisfies the
 5 “good cause” standard under Fed. R. Civ. P. 16, *see Whelan v. Indus.*, No. C-11-02146 EDL, 2012 WL
 6 12920688, at *2 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 12, 2012) (finding good cause), and meets the four criteria for amending
 7 a complaint under Fed. R. Civ. P. 15, as set forth below.

8 **A. Plaintiffs Seek to Amend the Complaint in Good Faith**

9 Adding the Proposed Plaintiffs to cure the Court’s typicality and adequacy concerns reflects good
 10 faith. *See Douglas v. Bank of Am., N.A.*, No. C20-0193JLR, 2020 WL 6799010, at *8 (W.D. Wash. Nov.
 11 19, 2020) (granting motion for leave to amend complaint after denial of class certification because “the
 12 amendment is the product of Plaintiffs’ good faith attempts to refine this case”); *see also Delagarza v.*
 13 *Tesoro Ref. & Mktg. Co.*, No. CV 09-05803 MHP, 2011 WL 1496046, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 20, 2011)
 14 (finding “no bad faith” where plaintiffs sought to add a class representative “necessary to ensure that the
 15 requirements of Rule 23 would be met”). An amendment reflects bad faith when the movant possesses a
 16 “wrongful motive” or is “merely . . . seeking to prolong the litigation by adding new but baseless legal
 17 theories.” *Griggs*, 170 F.3d at 881. Absent such motives, “there is no cause to uphold the denial of leave
 18 to amend on the basis of bad faith.” *DCD Programs*, 833 F.2d at 187.

19 Plaintiffs’ request to add the Proposed Plaintiffs following the denial of class certification under
 20 Rule 23(a) lacks any wrongful motive and is the normal practice within the Ninth Circuit. “[C]ourts have
 21 consistently granted plaintiffs leave to substitute new representatives where . . . certification is denied on
 22 grounds of inadequacy[.]” *Adequacy of Representation—Substitution of Class Representative*, 1
 23 *McLaughlin on Class Actions*, § 4.36 (21st ed.); *see also Robichaud*, 2013 WL 818503, at *8 (noting
 24 “courts regularly allow or order” the addition of “a new representative plaintiffs” when existing
 25 representatives’ claims “fail or become moot”). Indeed, the Ninth Circuit affirmatively instructs that “leave
 26 to amend *should be granted* to add named plaintiffs” where, as here, issues with the original Class
 27 Representatives would otherwise preclude class certification. *Sueoka*, 101 F. App’x. at 654 (emphasis
 28 added).

1 Plaintiffs' Amendment thus reflects the prevailing practice in the Ninth Circuit to allow new named
 2 plaintiffs to be added via an amended complaint when class certification is denied due to lack of typicality
 3 or adequacy. *See, e.g., Cabrera v. Bayer Healthcare LLC*, No. CV 2:17-08525-JAK (JPRx), 2024 WL
 4 4228237, at *1, *5 (C.D. Cal. June 24, 2024) (granting plaintiff leave to file amended complaint to add
 5 new class representative following the denial of class certification based on lack of typicality); *McGhee v.*
 6 *N. Am. Bancard, LLC*, No. 17-cv-00586-AJB-KSC, 2021 WL 5763834, at *2 (S.D. Cal. Sept. 17, 2021)
 7 (same); *Wiener v. Dannon Co., Inc.*, 255 F.R.D. 658, 673 (C.D. Cal. 2009) (same); *Santos v. TWC Admin.*
 8 *LLC*, No. CV 13-04799 MMM (CWx), 2014 WL 12558009, at *23 n.107 (C.D. Cal. Aug. 4, 2014) (same);
 9 *Hernandez v. Balakian*, 251 F.R.D. 488, 489 (E.D. Cal. 2008) (same); *Woods v. Google LLC*, No. 11-CV-
 10 01263-EJD, 2018 WL 4030570, at *7-10 (N.D. Cal. Aug. 23, 2018) (granting leave to amend to substitute
 11 inadequate class representatives); *Nat'l Fed'n of the Blind v. Target Corp.*, 582 F. Supp. 2d 1185, 1201
 12 (N.D. Cal. 2007) (conditionally certifying class and granting leave to amend to find a substitute class
 13 representative); *Tait v. BSH Home Appliances Corp.*, 289 F.R.D. 466, 477 (C.D. Cal. 2012) (same);
 14 *Bauman v. Saxe*, No. 14-CV-01125-RFB-PAL, 2019 WL 157923, at *7 (D. Nev. Jan. 10, 2019) (same).
 15 Nothing about Plaintiffs' request reflects bad faith.

16 **B. Plaintiffs' Amendment Was Not Unduly Delayed**

17 Plaintiffs notified the Court that they would move to amend the Complaint just two weeks after the
 18 Court denied class certification and agreed to consider Yodlee's untimely disclosures, on September 25,
 19 2024. ECF No. 605 at 6. Plaintiffs moved expeditiously over the next two months to identify the new
 20 Proposed Plaintiffs, prepare their Amended Complaint, and submit this motion without undue delay.

21 That this case proceeded for several years before Plaintiffs discovered the need for the Amendment
 22 is immaterial and does not evidence delay. *See Zeiger v. WellPet LLC*, No. 17-cv-04056-WHO, 2018 WL
 23 3208160, at *3 (N.D. Cal. June 29, 2018) ("The passage of time is not, in and of itself, undue delay.").
 24 Rather, the Court must look to the amount of time between Plaintiffs' Amendment and the events that
 25 prompted it—here, merely seven weeks between the Court's denial of class certification and today. *See*
 26 *Jackson v. Bank of Haw.*, 902 F.2d 1385, 1388 (9th Cir. 1990) ("Relevant to evaluating the delay issue is
 27 whether the moving party knew or should have known the facts and theories raised by the amending in the
 28 [prior] pleading."). *Cave Consulting Grp., Inc. v. Truven Health Analytics Inc.*, No. 15-CV-02177-SI, 2017

1 WL 607602, at *4 (N.D. Cal. Feb.15, 2017) (permitting fourth amended complaint and rejecting claims of
 2 delay where amendment was prompted by “newly discovered information”).

3 That only two months have passed since the Court’s denial of class certification shows that
 4 Plaintiffs’ Amendment was expedited, not delayed. Courts permit amendments to add new plaintiffs after
 5 much longer periods (e.g. three months) following the denial of class certification. *See, e.g., McGhee*, 2021
 6 WL 5763834, at *2 (finding plaintiffs timely moved to add new plaintiffs 10 months after learning of the
 7 existing plaintiffs’ inadequacy and three months after class certification was denied); *contra Plascencia v.*
 8 *Lending 1st Mortgage*, No. C-07-4485 CW, 2012 WL 253319 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 26, 2012) (finding plaintiffs
 9 unduly delayed when they waited two years to add new plaintiffs after class certification was denied).
 10 Here, as elsewhere, “[t]wo months is a reasonable time frame in which to both investigate [the amendment]
 11 and draft a motion to amend.” *Rieve v. Coventry Health Care, Inc.*, No. SACV 11-1032, 2012 WL 929737,
 12 at *3 (C.D. Cal. Mar. 19, 2012).

13 Plaintiffs did not have “multiple opportunities” to add the Proposed Plaintiffs earlier in the case as
 14 Yodlee has argued. *See* ECF No. 605 at 13. Yodlee first disclosed the NUM_TRANS_RESP data field,
 15 and first argued it did not collect Transaction Data from the Class Representatives, on May 9, 2024, just
 16 13 days before Plaintiffs moved for class certification. *See* Section II.C. Before this time, Plaintiffs had no
 17 basis to add the Proposed Plaintiffs because “only later did Plaintiff[s] realize that additional named
 18 representatives would be useful,” i.e., when Yodlee proffered new arguments and evidence about the Class
 19 Representatives on the eve of class certification. *See Whelan*, 2012 WL 12920688, at *2 (permitting fourth
 20 amendment, and rejecting delay arguments, when the named plaintiffs’ inadequacy came to light during
 21 class certification briefing). As soon as the Court accepted Yodlee’s new evidence over Plaintiffs’
 22 objections on September 25, 2024 and relied on it to find the Class Representatives were not typical and
 23 adequate (*see* ECF No. 600 at 3, 7-8), Plaintiffs diligently filed this motion to add the Proposed Plaintiffs
 24 seven weeks later. There was no undue delay.

25 **C. Plaintiffs’ Amendment Will Not Substantially Prejudice Yodlee**

26 Yodlee will not be substantially prejudiced by Plaintiffs’ Amendment, which will not meaningfully
 27 interrupt this case or alter its merits. The only relevant difference between the existing Class
 28 Representatives and Proposed Plaintiffs is whether Yodlee collected their Transaction Data. This fact can

1 be confirmed, and all other discovery on the Proposed Plaintiffs can be completed, in a few months, if not
 2 a few weeks. Yodlee cannot feign prejudice based on such a marginal expansion of discovery, particularly
 3 after it was caused by Yodlee's withholding of information about the existing Class Representatives.

4 To preclude Plaintiffs' Amendment, Yodlee must show “substantial” prejudice to overcome Rule
 5 15(a)'s liberal amendment policy.” *Pyara v. Sysco Corp.*, No. 2:15-cv-01208 JAM-KJN, 2016 WL
 6 6897251, at *3 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 23, 2016); *Rieve*, 2012 WL 929737, at *2 (requiring “substantial” prejudice
 7 or “substantial” negative effect.”) (emphasis added). “Bald assertions of prejudice cannot overcome the
 8 strong policy reflected in Rule 15(a) to ‘facilitate a proper disposition on the merits.’” *Cave Consulting*,
 9 2017 WL 607602, at *3. Yodlee, as the party opposing the amendment, bears the burden of showing
 10 substantial prejudice. *DCD Programs*, 833 F.2d at 187-88.

11 Yodlee will not be substantially prejudiced by Plaintiffs' Amendment. The Proposed Plaintiffs have
 12 not asserted any new claims, and they will promptly sit for depositions and produce the discovery that
 13 Yodlee previously has requested (if not subject to a pending objection). Beyond this minor discovery, the
 14 Parties “would necessarily rely on the discovery and other related pre-trial work that has already been
 15 undertaken,” avoiding any “substantial prejudice” to Yodlee. *Cabrera*, 2024 WL 4228237, at *5. This is
 16 because the Proposed Plaintiffs' claims are “virtually identical” to the existing Plaintiffs' claims. *Id.*

17 Courts agree that this limited, supplemental discovery on new class representatives does not
 18 constitute “substantial prejudice,” particularly where, as here, most prior discovery would still apply, and
 19 the new plaintiffs agree to expedited discovery procedures. *See Whelan*, 2012 WL 12920688, at *4 (no
 20 substantial prejudice despite “some limited additional discovery” because defendants will not have “to start
 21 discovery all over again,” and new plaintiffs would sit for deposition “within thirty days.”); *McGhee*, 2021
 22 WL 5763834, at *3 (no substantial prejudice where additional discovery “will be minimal” and the new
 23 plaintiffs' claims are “based on the same conduct” as prior plaintiffs); *Tavakolian v. Great Am. Life Ins.*
 24 Co., No. 20-CV-01133-SPG, 2023 WL 8126867, at *7 (C.D. Cal. June 12, 2023) (no substantial prejudice
 25 where “the discovery produced and propounded to date was general and applicable to the class” and new
 26 plaintiffs agreed to “expedited discovery”); *Cabrera*, 2024 WL 4228237, at *5 (no substantial prejudice
 27 where new plaintiffs, added six years into case, could largely rely on prior discovery); *Patton v. Experian*
 28 *Data Corp.*, No. SACV 17-01559-JVS(DFMx), 2019 WL 13034866, at *6 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 22, 2019) (no

1 prejudice where new plaintiffs “do not seek to add, change, or alter any causes of action or theories” and
 2 only sought a “short extension” of discovery); *Fife v. Sci. Games Corp.*, No. 2:18-CV-00565-RBL, 2020
 3 WL 4933959, at *3 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 24, 2020) (explaining any “prejudice is fairly limited” despite the
 4 need for “additional discovery”).

5 In sum, adding the Proposed Plaintiffs will require, at most, a short period of supplemental
 6 discovery to confirm basic facts about them. After five years of resource-intensive litigation, a marginal
 7 postponement of the case to address Yodlee’s belated disclosures about the Class Representatives will not
 8 cause Yodlee substantial prejudice. *See Avaya v. Pearce*, No. 19-CV-00565-SI, 2021 WL 366916, at *2
 9 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 3, 2021) (“[The] mere prospect of additional discovery is insufficient’ to demonstrate
 10 prejudice.”); *Genentech, Inc. v. Abbott Lab’ys*, 127 F.R.D. 529, 531 (N.D. Cal. 1989) (finding that the need
 11 for additional discovery does not establish undue prejudice); *Fife*, 2020 WL 4933959, at *3 (same).

12 **D. Plaintiffs’ Amendment Is Not Futile**

13 An amended pleading is futile “only if no set of facts can be proved . . . that would constitute a
 14 valid and sufficient claim or defense.” *Walker v. Life Ins. Co. of Sw.*, No. CV1009198JVSBNX, 2018
 15 WL 6133634, at *6 (C.D. Cal. June 15, 2018); *Hip Hop Beverage Corp. v. RIC Representacoes Importacao*
 16 *E Comercio LTDA*, 220 F.R.D. 614, 622 (2013) (an amendment is futile “only if it would clearly be subject
 17 to dismissal”); *Cave Consulting*, 2017 WL 607602, at *2 (The test for futility is “identical to the one used
 18 when considering the sufficiency of a pleading challenged under Rule 12(b)(6).”). “The showing of futility
 19 must be ‘strong’ to warrant a departure from the liberal application of Rule 15(a).” *Pyara*, 2016 WL
 20 6897251, at *3 (internal citation omitted).

21 Plaintiffs’ Amendment would not be futile, as the Proposed Plaintiffs do not assert any new claims
 22 beyond what the Court has already upheld. *See* ECF No. 266 (denying summary judgment on Plaintiffs’
 23 invasion of privacy, unjust enrichment, and CAPA claims). Yodlee thus would have no basis to seek to
 24 dismiss the Proposed Plaintiffs’ claims without relitigating arguments it has already lost. *See McGhee*,
 25 2021 WL 5763834, at *3 (rejecting futility claims where the new plaintiff’s claims mirrored the “existing
 26 claims for relief”); *Jordan v. Paul Fin., LLC*, 644 F. Supp. 2d 1156, 1176 (N.D. Cal. 2009) (finding no
 27 futility where new plaintiff would “make the same claims” as the existing plaintiff); *Sueoka*, 101 F. App’x.
 28 at 654 (“[G]ranting leave to amend the complaint to name [new class] representatives . . . would not have

1 been a futile act.”).

2 Yodlee also has argued, incorrectly, that the Ninth Circuit’s decision in *Lierboe v. State Farm Mut.*
 3 *Auto. Ins. Co.*, 350 F.3d 1018, 1022 (9th Cir. 2003) precludes Plaintiffs’ Amendment. See ECF No. 605 at
 4 11. Not so. *Lierboe* bars amendments only when a court determines that no plaintiff had standing for a
 5 single claim at any time, such that the court never had jurisdiction in the first place. See *Stanton v. Aetna*
 6 *Life & Cas. Bermuda Ltd.*, No. 18-cv-08937-CJCAF MX, 2021 WL 4146964, at *3 n.2 (C.D. Cal. Feb. 12,
 7 2021) (distinguishing *Lierboe*, holding it applies only where “no plaintiff had standing to pursue any
 8 claim.”); *Hajro v. United States Citizenship & Immigr. Servs.*, 743 Fed. Appx. 148, 150 (9th Cir. 2018)
 9 (holding district court “erred” when it relied on *Lierboe* to reject amendment where at least one plaintiff
 10 had standing); *Cabrera*, 2024 WL 4228237, at *4 (finding *Lierboe* inapplicable when the court “did not
 11 conclusively determine that [p]laintiff had, in fact, suffered no injury” for all claims).

12 *Lierboe* does not bar Plaintiffs’ Amendment because standing is not lacking for all Plaintiffs and
 13 all claims. Regardless of their typicality and adequacy under Rule 23(a), Plaintiffs have standing for their
 14 individual claims related to Login Credentials and Banking Data, as well as for injunctive relief. ECF No.
 15 605 at 1-2. Moreover, Yodlee does not contest the standing of former Plaintiffs Wesch, William Cottrell,
 16 Ryan Hamre, Greg Hertik, and Daisy Hodson, whose claims further bar *Lierboe*’s application. See *Hensley-*
 17 *Maclean v. Safeway, Inc.*, No. 11-CV-01230-RS, 2015 WL 3956099, at *5 (N.D. Cal. June 29, 2015)
 18 (finding *Lierboe* inapplicable and permitting amendment when a prior party’s standing meant jurisdiction
 19 was “properly invoked” during the case); *Cabrera*, 2024 WL 4228237, at *4 (same). In short, the Court
 20 retains jurisdiction on several grounds and may freely grant leave to amend. Plaintiffs’ Amendment is not
 21 futile.

22 **CONCLUSION**

23 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs’ Motion for Leave to File the Fourth Amended Class Action
 24 Complaint should be granted.

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